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SUBJ: GOE PUBLIC POSITION ON ABORTIVE COUP IN SUDAN

1. CAIRO NEWSPAPERS JULY 8 CONTINUE STRESS IN BANNER HEADLINES AND EDITORIAL COMMENTARIES GOE REFUSAL TOLERATE ARAB DISUNITY AND FOREIGN INTERVENTION AGAINST SUDAN. PRESS TEATMENT OF SUDANESE AFFAIR OVER LAST FEW DAYS HAS MADE TWO BASIC POINTS: QADHAFI AND THE SOVIETS WERE RESPONSIBLE AND EGYPT IS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING NUMAYRI GOVERNMENT.

2. CULPABILITY OF QADHAFI AND SOVIETS IS HIGHLIGHTED BY PRIMIN SALIM'S REMARKS TO JOURNALISTS, IN WHICH HE DESCRIBED ABORTIVE COUP AS BID TO SHIFT WORLD CONFLICT TO AFRICA (I.E., SOVIETS) AND EFFORT ISOLATE EGYPT FROM HER ARAB NEIGHBORS (I.E., LIBYA). SUDANESE AMBASSADOR IS CITED IN AKHBAR AS ACCUSING QADHAFI OF FLAGRANT AND INHUMAN ACT AND AS QUOTING "CAPTURED MERCENARIES" AS ADMITTING THEY

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WERE TRAINED BY QADHAFI BOTH IN LIBYA AND ABROAD TO STAGE ARMED

INVASION AND MURDER NUMAYRI, AKHBAR ALSO CARRIES INTERVIEW WITH "MERCENARIES," IN WHICH THEY EXPLAINED HOW THEY WERE TRAINED IN LIBYA BETWEEN JABRA AND AL-'UWAYANAT, WHERE THEY WERE VISITED BY AL-SHARIF AL-HINDI AND AL-SADIQ AL-MAHDI.

PROMISED 1000 "POUNDS", THEY WALKED FOR SEVEN DAYS IN DESERT AND RECEIVED FINAL ORDERS AND ARMS NEAR OMDURMAN. AHAM LEAD EDITORIAL REFERS TO QADHAFI'S "DIRTY GAME," AND AKHBAR IS SURE LIBYAN PEOPLE WILL REFUSE ACCEPT QADHAFI'S CRIMES.

3. PREVIOUS HINTS THAT GOE HAS MADE SOME SPECIFIC MILITARY COMMITMENT TO NUMAYRI (E.G., FAHMY'S STATEMENT JULY 2 - CAIRO 9054) IS MADE MORE EXPLICIT IN REPORTED REMARKS BY VP MABARAK IN CHARTOUM.

CAIRO PAPERS QUOTE HIM AS SAYING EGYPT WILL TOLERATE NO AGGRESSION ON SUDANESE SOVEREIGNTY, SECURITY OR STABILITY. "YOUR SECURITY MEANS OUR SECURITY..." PAPERS ALSO NOTE POINTEDLY THAT MUBARAK HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH NUMAYRI, ONE OF WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY EGYPTIAN MILITARY DELEGATION COMPRISING SENIOR ARMY AND AIR FORCE OFFICERS.

4. REPORTING THAT NUMAYRI IS EXPECTED IN CAIRO JULY 15, CAIRO PRESS NOTES THAT THIS VISIT WAS ARRANGED BEFORE ABORTIVE COUP.
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